Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of grants given by the Central Government, UGC and other Central Institutions to the M. D. University Rohlak and Kumkshetra University of Haryana;

(b) whether the grant given by Government of India and other Institutions, to the above Universities during the past three years have been fully utilized, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to enhance the grants to the Universities situated in Haryana; in view of social, educational backwardness; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The Central Govern ment provides development grants to all eligible State Universities through UGC. According to the information furnished by UGC, the development grants allocated by the UGC to M.D. University, Rohtak, and Kurukshetra University for the 8th Plan and the amount actually released to them as on 31st March, 1993, for the period from 1-4-1990 to 31-3-1993 are indicated below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

University	8th Plan allocation	Amount released as on 31-3-1993
M.D. University, Rohtak	143.00	22.00
Kurukshetra University	145.00	40.25
TOTAL :	288.00	62.25

Grants to the Universities are paid on receipt of utilization certificates in respect of the development grants released earlier as well as on completion of certain other procedural formalities. In view of this, information regarding utilization of the approved grants by the above universities becomes available only at the end of the 8th Plan period.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. In view of the overall constraint of financial resources, augmentation of grants to the universities in Haryana is not feasible.

Refund of Fees Collected for starting Computer, Course in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1611. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that to start computer courses in some Kendriya Vidyalayas like Pitampura, Lawrence Road, Sainik Vihar and Shalimar Bagh, some fees were collected from the students in February, 1991;

(b) whether the students of these schools were refunded computer fees only in April, 1993;

(c) whether the refund included the interest too; and

(d) if so, the details thereof school-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The scheme of computer literacy through private computer firms was offered only to students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Shalimar Bagh out of these schools on an experimental basis, in January, 1992.

(b) to (d) Orders of refund were issued in June, 1992, and so no interest was paid.

Educationally backward District in Tamil Nadu

1612. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of districts in Tamil Nadu selected for the new scheme being launched for the improvement of Primary Education in educationally backward districts; and

(b) the financial allocation for the scheme, district-wise ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP-